

*sub c1* drawing the first skin toward the second skin until they are substantially pinched together before cutting the first skin.

61. (New) The apparatus of claim 60, wherein the dough shaping surface of the blunt dough engaging portion comprises a rounded corner having a radius of curvature of at least approximately 3mm as a surface portion that is not perpendicular to direction of extension of the blunt dough engaging portion.

62. (New) The apparatus of claim 61, wherein the dough shaping surface of the blunt dough engaging portion further comprises a flat tip portion adjacent to the rounded corner.

*sub c2* 63. (New) The apparatus of claim 60, wherein the dough shaping surface of the blunt dough engaging portion comprises at least one angled surface as a surface portion that is not perpendicular to direction of extension of the blunt dough engaging portion.

*Bl* 64. (New) The apparatus of claim 60, being disposed relative to a dough supporting structure on a rotatable drum.

65. (New) The apparatus of claim 60, being disposed relative to a dough supporting structure on a reciprocating head.

66. (New) The apparatus of claim 60, being disposed relative to a dough supporting structure on walking head for intermittently engaging the dough sheet and traveling with the dough sheet.

*112* 67. (New) The apparatus of claim 60, wherein the blunt dough engaging portion further includes a cutter edge provided adjacent to and spaced from the dough shaping surface for serving a dough portion from the dough sheet after the dough portion is shaped by the dough shaping surface.

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68. (New) The apparatus of claim 67, wherein the cutter edge is provided as a peripheral edge of the cutter with the dough shaping surface within the periphery of the cutter, and the peripheral shape defined-by-the cutting edge is different from the shape of the dough shaping surface, when viewed similarly.

69. (New) The apparatus of claim 68, wherein the cutting edge's outer periphery is a geometric figure capable of being nested within other similarly shaped geometric figures.

70. (New) The apparatus of claim 69, wherein the cutting edge's outer periphery is substantially hexagonal, and the dough shaping surface's inner periphery is substantially circular.

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71. (New) A method of cutting a dough sheet; comprising:

- providing a sheet of dough having a first surface with a first skin and a second surface with a second skin;
- providing a dough cutting apparatus having a cutter with a blunt dough engaging portion that extends sufficiently to sever the dough sheet, the blunt dough engaging portion having a dough shaping surface to shape and sever the dough sheet;
- causing the dough shaping surface of the blunt dough engaging portion to contact the first surface of the dough sheet and thereby drawing the first skin toward the second skin and substantially pinching the first and second skins together; and
- severing the dough sheet with the blunt dough engaging portion after the first skin and the second skin become substantially pinched together.

72. (New) The method of claim 71, wherein the sheet of dough is provided on a conveyor and caused to move in a direction substantially perpendicular to the extension of the blunt dough engaging portion.

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73. (New) A method of cutting a dough sheet; comprising:

- a) providing a sheet of dough having a first surface with a skin and a second surface with a second skin;
- b) providing a dough cutting apparatus comprising a plurality of structures having an outer periphery comprising a cutting edge and an inner periphery comprising a blunt edge dough engaging portion with a dough shaping surface, wherein the outer periphery is a geometric figure capable of being nested within other similarly shaped geometric figures and wherein the inner periphery is a different shape when viewed similarly;
- c) causing the plurality of structures to contact the dough sheet thereby causing the inner periphery to draw the first skin toward the second skin without breaking the dough sheet until the first skin and the second skin become substantially pinched together; and
- d) causing the outer periphery to sever the dough sheet thereby creating a plurality of dough pieces.

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74. (New) The method of claim 73, wherein the method of producing the dough product further comprises a step of processing the dough pieces in a manner that results in the dough pieces expanding in volume, and whereby the enlarged dough pieces are maintained substantially with the geometric figure of the inner periphery.

75. (New) A plurality of dough products produced from a dough sheet and positioned together in a nested arrangement, each of the plurality of the dough products comprising a dough portion having a first surface with a first skin and a second surface